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SUBJECT: ROC EMBASSY VIEWS ON ASIAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. DURING CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN, ROC EMBASSY MINISTER DR. CHEN TAI-CHU, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S REAFFIRMATION OF THE US TREATY COMMITMENT TO TAIWAN IN HIS MAY 6 PRESS CONFERENCE. CHEN SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WAS PARTICULARLY REASSURING TO THE ROC IN LIGHT OF OMISSION OF TAIWAN IN RECENT PRESIDENTIAL AND SECRETARIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. NOTING NUMBER OF RECENT US STATEMENTS, GLEYSTEN SUGGESTED THE ROC JUDGE OUR CHINA POLICY IN AN OVERALL CONTEXT AND NOT OVERINTERPRET INDIVIDUAL PRONOUNCEMENTS. HE REMINDED CHEN THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S APRIL 10 SPEECH ALSO RESTATED OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN  
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ADVANCING NORMALIZATION WITH THE PRC.

2. CHEN MENTIONED REPORTS OF FREQUENT CONTACTS BETWEEN THAI EMBASSY HERE AND PRCLO. THESE HAD ENHANCED ROC FEARS THAT THAILAND WOULD SOON ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC. CHEN ENQUIRED WHETHER US COULD ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE THAIS FROM SUCH A STEP. FOLLOWING PERSONAL ESTIMATE THAT THAIS WERE MORE LIKELY NOW THAN BEFORE TO TRY TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH PRC, GLEYSTEN MADE CLEAR THAT US WOULD NOT APPROACH THAIS ON THIS MATTER. ASIDE FROM THE ABSENCE OF ANY PROSPECT FOR SUCCESS, SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH OUR OWN TREATMENT OF CHINA ISSUES IN RECENT YEARS. THE SAME CONSIDERATIONS APPLIED TO THE PHILIPPINES, AS THE ROC WAS WELL AWARE.

3. CHEN ASKED WHETHER US WAS REASSESSING ITS ASIAN POLICY IN LIGHT OF SOUTH VIETNAM DOWNFALL AND WHETHER WE COULD PROVIDE ANY ADVICE AS TO HOW ROC COULD BE USEFUL IN STABILIZING THE SITUATION IN AREA. GLEYSTEN NOTED THAT A REASSESSMENT WAS INDEED UNDERWAY, BUT IN ANY EVENT THE US WOULD MAINTAIN A PRESENCE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS IT WOULD BE LESS WEIGHTED ON THE MILITARY SIDE. GLEYSTEN SUGGESTED THAT TAIWAN'S CONTINUED POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT WERE BY THEMSELVES THE BEST CONTRIBUTION THAT THE ROC COULD MAKE TO THE AREA'S CONTINUED STABILITY.

4. CHEN REITERATED REQUEST FOR EARLY FAVORABLE REPLY TO ROC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TWENTY CO-PRODUCED F-5E'S. GLEYSTEN PROMISED CONTINUED EFFORT TO SPEED DECISION.

5. IN CONCLUSION, CHEN MENTIONED THAT TAIWANESE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT WAS PLANNING MAY 27 DEMONSTRATION WHICH PROMPTED BY FEAR THAT PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO PRC WOULD FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY OF INDEPENDENT TAIWAN. ACCORDING CHEN, SENATOR HUMPHREY HAD AGREED TO ADDRESS RALLY. OTHER SPEAKERS WOULD BE CONGRESSMAN

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